

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (currently amended) A system including
one or more business entities defining a head of a
supply chain;
one or more sets of tiers of suppliers, wherein each
said set of tiers is disposed in an extended supply chain;
a workstation coupled to said one or more business
entities and said one or more sets of tiers of suppliers;
a database including information from said one or more
sets of tiers of suppliers relating to two or more of the
following: price, inventory, delivery schedules, backorders and
supply interruptions, exceptional events, contracts, and past
transactions;
a dictionary of translations that can be used to
translate the content of transitive information in said
information from said one or more sets of tiers of suppliers for
cross-tier communication in said extended supply chain; and
an order collaboration system coupled to said
workstation, whereby said one or more business entities can view
updates to supply chain conditions for said plurality of said
tiers.